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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the aboveidentified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3, 5 and 6 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is also enclosed herewith.

3. (Amended) The packaging material according to claim 1, in which a thermally insulating flexible sheet is placed on the surface of the oriented film made of a synthetic resin and affixed thereto partially or over the entire surface.

5. (Amended) A packaging material comprising a cover using the packaging material according to claim 1 and provided with an excess portion and a container onto an opening of which the cover is heat-sealed, in which the cover has a larger area than an area of the opening of the container and the excess portion of the cover dangles from the upper end of

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